

HOUSE No. 2234

By Mr. Ayers of Quincy, petition of Bruce J. Ayers that cities and towns be authorized to issue temporary placards for handicapped parking spaces. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT ALLOWING CITIES AND TOWNS THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE TEMPORARY
PARKING IDENTIFICATION PLACARDS TO THE TEMPORARILY DISABLED.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 2 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 inserting after line 319 the following paragraph:—
4 “In accordance with section twenty-two of chapter forty, any
5 city or town may also furnish a special temporary parking identifi-
6 cation placard, as identified in the preceding paragraph, to any
7 person who has suffered the temporary loss of use of one or more
8 limbs, or post surgical debilitation, or any other conditions which
9 may render a person temporarily unable to walk distances greater
10 than those measured from the average handicapped parking space
11 to building entrance or other destination. Said temporary parking
12 identification placard shall be issued by the police department of
13 the city or town where such temporarily disabled person resides
14 and shall be effective for a period of not more than ninety days
15 and renewable for an additional period of ninety days with proper
16 medical documentation and the approval of the issuing depart-
17 ment. Unless otherwise deemed by a city or town, the chief of
18 police shall be the local authority designated with the responsi-
19 bility to promulgate all rules and directives concerning the
20 issuance and oversight of said temporary identification placards
21 within his jurisdiction. Said temporary parking identification
22 placard shall be of such uniform size and design as the registrar of

23 motor vehicles shall determine; provided that such placards can be
24 produced locally and shall verify, in a manner determined accept-
25 able to said registrar, that such person is temporarily handicapped
26 and eligible to receive and use such placard. When used by the
27 bearer, said placard shall be displayed in a manner consistent with
28 the requirements for special parking identification placards
29 described in the preceding paragraph.”

1 SECTION 2. Section 22A of Chapter 40 of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 inserting after the word “ninety”, as appearing in line 32 and line
4 43 the following new text:— “or the temporary parking identifica-
5 tion placard authorized and issued by a city or town in accordance
6 with section two of chapter ninety”.